

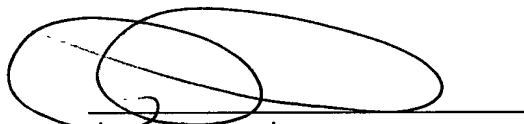
REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to delete the phrase "or a hydrolyzable carboxy protecting group." Claim 12 has been amended to delete the phrase "an effective amount of".

A terminal disclaimer regarding US patent 6,492,330 is being filed herewith.

Therefore, it is considered that this application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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